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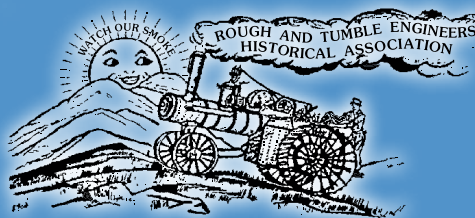
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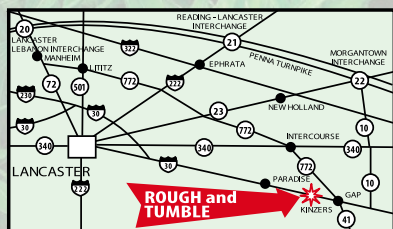
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AN AMISH COUNTRY LANDMARK

Travelers have been traversing Lancaster County along Route 30 for well over two centuries. And for over 70 years, a very special building has signaled their arrival in Amish Country. It has a legitimate claim on being the area's oldest visitor landmark. Most importantly, it's the "place that made shoo-fly pie famous." That iconic structure is the **Dutch Haven** windmill.

With a history dating back to the beginnings of tourism here, the building is rich in memories. From the time it started as a luncheonette in 1920 right up to the present, it has remained most famous for shoo-fly pie, served warm with whipped cream. The Dutch Haven shoo-fly pie has even been mentioned in a *TIME* magazine article.

Today, as soon as you walk in, you'll be offered a free sample of that same delicious, gooey pie. Some 40,000 pies are baked

annually, using the original (secret) recipe. Visitors are still encouraged to "Take one for yourself or send one to someone nice." You can buy and ship pies home at the store or at their "online shop," where you'll find other local crafts as well.

Yes, Dutch Haven is much more than pies, with over 10,000 unique gift items, foods, and collectibles. Some of the most popular are jams, jellies, and canned goods,

noodles, Amish pine furniture and cedar chests, hex signs, quilted spice mats, Amish straw hats, jewelry and gemstones, Dutch Delft tiles, Amish dolls, onyx and soapstone animals, trivets, metal stars, Tiffany lamps, Amish romance novels, framed prints, plenty of T-shirts and postcards, and a tremendous selection of Amish-made outdoor furniture. It's an eclectic mix, to say the least.

As you explore, you'll discover lots of other "surprises" around every corner. Expect the unexpected! And don't forget the Amish-style root beer in the barrel.

Remember, Dutch Haven is open 7 days a week, 9AM-9PM and. For more info about this Lancaster County landmark, call 717.687.0111. Look forward to your free sample when you walk in under the welcoming arms of the windmill...for this truly is the place that made shoo-fly pie famous. 





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Amish Town Tour Adults \$15 Children \$8

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Quilts & Crafts Farm Tour Adults \$25 Children \$13

One hour and 20 minutes. Tour our beautiful Amish countryside and stop to browse at an Amish owned quilt and craft shop at their farm. Available Monday thru Saturday. (See *The Sunday Ride* below.)

The Sunday Ride Adults \$16 Children \$8

This 30 to 35 minute tour is the only ride available on Sundays. The Sunday Ride is a lovely tour through an all Amish area. There are no stops on this ride due to the Amish observance of the Sabbath.

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Special to AMISH COUNTRY NEWS



Ride Like the Amish Do!

Aaron and Jessica will be happy to take you. Jessica? Well, she's the little girl who started it all. Her dad agreed to let her try her hand at giving buggy rides. She liked driving horses, and thought it would be fun to show the beautiful scenery and Amish farms to visitors. Aaron? You're probably thinking that must be Jessica's father. Nope. You just can't have a buggy ride without a horse. That's right, Aaron was Jessica's horse. And that's how Aaron & Jessica's Buggy Rides was born.

When they were little girls, Jessica and her sisters were all taught how to drive buggies from a young age, and learned how to take care of horses from their dad.

YES - WE LOVE GROUPS!



From "Family Style" to full motor coaches, we have a fleet of double teamed carriages so your group rides together! Call us for special family rates (10+ riders). We offer group rates for 20 or more, with a comp tour for the escort. A great "filler" activity before a show too!

Ride Through Our Covered Bridge

All of the buggy rides pass through our covered bridge. As Jessica always says, "We know you came here more than anything to see and understand how and why we live the way we do. Take a ride with us. Let us tell you all about it, too. After all, we live here."

"You don't have to pass one piece of ground that isn't farmed with a horse when you take a ride with us!" —Jessica's Dad

The buggy rides depart from the covered bridge of Plain & Fancy Farm. You'll see a little red covered bridge along the side of Route 340, exactly a mile and a half from either Bird-in-Hand or Intercourse. Completely surrounded by Amish farmland, there are different scenic routes offered. All of the rides are reasonably priced, starting at just \$10 for adults and \$6 for kids, 12 and under. No reservations are needed. Just pick your ride when you arrive.



A Family Tradition That Never Disappoints

Jessica likes to stress the authentic nature of the rides. "We can take you between the house and the barn on a private working Amish dairy farm, where no other rides are permitted. You see real Amish life. We absolutely offer you more!"

Recently there have been other carriage rides opened by folks seeking to take advantage of the tourist trade in Amish country. We offer a high quality tour with local Amish and Mennonite guides. We realize you



have a choice of rides and we appreciate your business!

Jessica's dad, who has driven thousands of visitors down Amish farm lanes over the last 30 years, was three years old when he had his first recollection of a horse. He guesses he has driven a carriage more than anyone else in Lancaster County, about 10,000 miles a year!

Enjoy the beautiful countryside of Lancaster County with its immaculately kept Amish farms and gardens. Experience for yourself a taste of Amish Country life here.

Many visitors love our special PRIVATE RIDES! It is the ultimate thing to do in Amish Country and will be the highlight of your visit! You can reserve a real Amish buggy and tour through the countryside getting all your questions personally answered by your driver. You can visit an Amish farm, pass by a waterpowered historic mill and stop at an Amish roadside stand for snacks. We customize it for you. We have had surprise engagements on our buggies, and small family reunions. Prices vary by length of ride. You are welcome to call 717.723.0478 or email us for more info. Private rides are available Monday through Friday, and Saturday mornings.

Kids love buggy rides, especially getting to sit up front next to the drivers! As one visitor from Long Island said, "This is our fifth time here this year. We love it here. Since my son woke up this morning Aaron & Jessica's is all I've heard." So, if your kids are driving you buggy, let Aaron & Jessica take over the reins for a while! Look for the little covered bridge along Route 340 at Plain & Fancy Farm, midway between Intercourse and Bird-in-Hand.

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VILLAGE OF BIRD-IN-HAND



Fields as seen from Amish View Inn & Suites

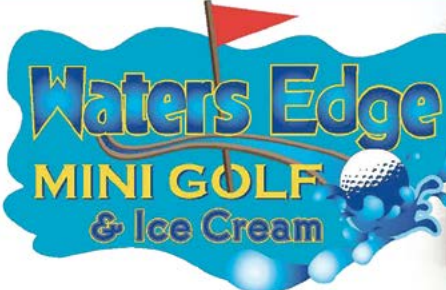
Of the many unique village names that dot the Amish Country map, one of the more interesting is Bird-in-Hand. Local

legend suggests that the distinctive name of this village comes from an inn thought to be as old as the Old Philadelphia-Lancaster Pike, now Route 340.

The Pike became a well-established route of transportation for those traveling west from Philadelphia in the 1700s. Inns were built every few miles as convenient rest stops for travelers, waggoners, and their animals. These inns were identified with signs hanging from a pole or attached to the side of the building. The story goes that as the Pike was being laid out, two road surveyors had a discussion.

Should they stop at their present location or go on to Lancaster to spend the night? One of them said, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush." The other surveyor agreed with this suggestion, and both remained at what became known as the Bird-in-Hand Inn, with the story later memorialized with a sign depicting a man with a bird in his hand and nearby two birds perched in a bush.

A lot has changed since 1734, but visitors today can still expect friendly shopkeepers, homegrown Lancaster County foods, and restful lodging for weary travelers. 



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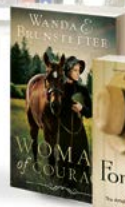
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Filling Visitors' Wish Baskets...

The Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market

By Clinton Martin

If there's one thing on nearly every visitor to Amish Country's wish list, it is visiting a farmers market. Part shopping excursion, part something to see and do, including up close and personal interaction with our Amish neighbors, strolling the aisles of a local farmers market is like browsing much of what Amish Country offers all in one place under one roof.

The Bird-in-Hand Farmers Market has long been one of my favorites. The market is a clean, comfortable, fully enclosed, air-conditioned building, all of which makes for a pleasant shopping experience compared to some of the other markets that dot the surrounding area. And it has been family owned and operated for more than 30 years.

At the nearly 30 stand holders, vendors display a cornucopia of Amish Country treats, from local meats, cheese, fruits, vegetables, to flowers, baked and canned goods, spices, and candies, including premise-made fudge. I never fail to appreciate that many of the food vendors offer small samples for tasting before buying. But the market is not solely about

food. You'll find unique, locally made crafts as well, from toys and quilts to leather and furniture. It's all part of the experience!

There is plenty of free parking, including for the largest RVs and buses. Market hours

July through October are 8:30AM-5:30PM, Wednesday through Saturday. For GPS users, 2710 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, but finding the market really couldn't be easier. The village of Bird-in-Hand is just a few miles east of Lancaster on Rt. 340. The market is right in the middle of the village. Call 717. 393.9674 for more information, or look online at www.birdinhandfarmersmarket.com. 

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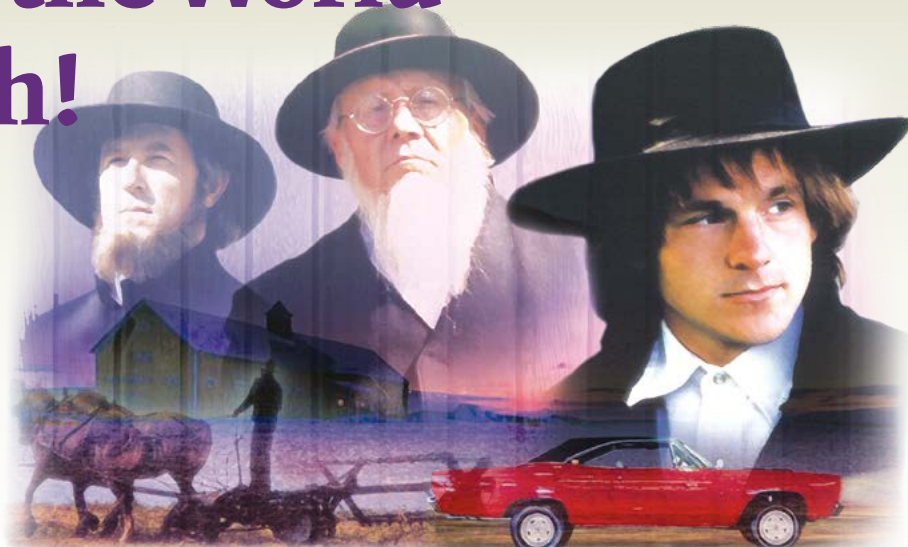
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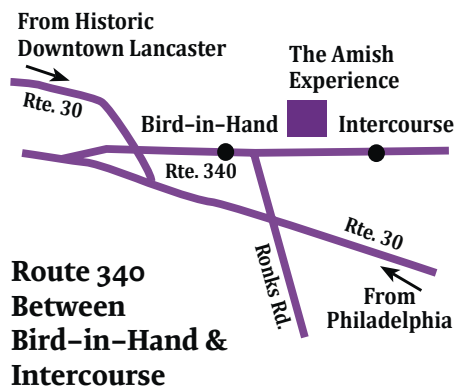
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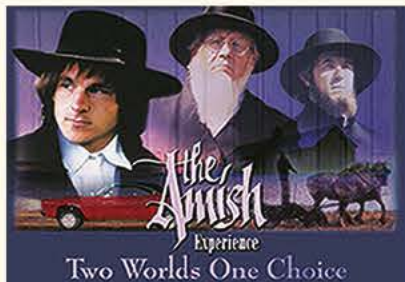
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Amish Farmlands Tour

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Visit-in-Person Tour

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Very few towns in Amish Country are more famous than Intercourse. Even Harrison Ford was in town filming the movie "Witness" over 30 years ago. Since the early 1700's, the town was a stop on the Old Philadelphia Pike, connecting Lancaster with Philadelphia, with a tavern called "Cross Keys." In 1814, a real estate scheme based on changing the name to Intercourse failed. But the name stuck, signifying the intersection of roads and mingling of people in this quiet country village. By 1880, the town had a population of 280 and, as it still does today, a post office where visitors can get a postcard dated and stamped "Intercourse, PA."

Amish Quilt shops abound in the farmlands around Intercourse, PA. Photo credit: Charles Rehm

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Old Candle Barn Warms a Shopper's Heart By Clinton Martin

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one of my favorite “barn” shops. Many are the traditional light-the-wick variety, but you’ll also find a variety of battery-operated and plug-in versions for the matchstick-shy.

Part of the romance for me, though, has been knowing that under the historic floorboards of this Pennsylvania Dutch barn is an actual working candle factory, where they craft tapers, pillars, votives, and hand-dipped candles, in addition to potpourri, room sprays, and refresher oils.

Yes, the Old Candle Barn makes nearly all of the colorful, sweet-smelling candles right on site. After more than 40 years they are still made by hand, from pouring to dipping, the old-fashioned way by local artisans. When the workshop is in operation, usually Monday to Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm, visitors are welcome to observe the goings-on.

In addition to candles, the Old Candle Barn showcases many other useful ideas for decorating and warming your home. These include braided rugs, window lights, home-spun dry goods, pottery, linens, and tinware.

And you should check out their sister store, the 1814 Gathering House Shoppe. While having a similar primitive style, you’ll find different lines of home décor, lighting, lotion, and jewelry...and more candles!

The Old Candle Barn is a feast for the eyes (and the nose). Located in the village of Intercourse, it’s off Main Street at the intersection of Newport Road (Route 772) and Old Philadelphia Pike (Route 340), on the north side. The GPS address is 3551 Old Philadelphia Pike, Intercourse. For more information, call 717.768.8926 or visit www.oldercandlebarn.com. 



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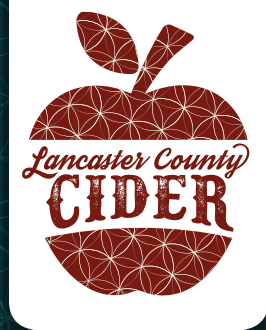
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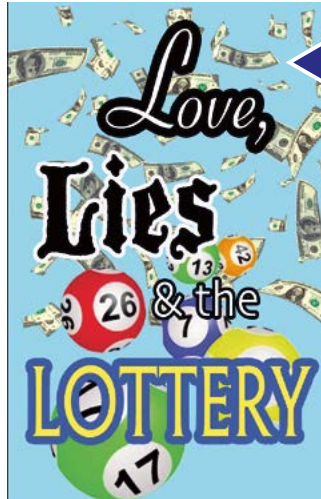
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By Clinton Martin



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By Clinton Martin

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for the next great bargain. Seasoned antique shoppers can be seen haggling and competing for sought-after finds. For them, the motto has always been, "Don't hesitate! If you really

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It was back in the mid-1960's that Adamstown began to attract antique and collectible dealers along with a consistent growing number of visitors. The biggest and most famous antique market in Adamstown (and for many 100s of miles around), Renninger's Antique Market had actually been there for years prior – but as a farm market!

Renninger's manager, Terry Heilman, started offering space to antique dealers during the winter months, when local farms were without produce to sell. The Renninger family recognized a great idea when they saw one, and soon encouraged Heilman to convert the farm market into a year-round antique and collectible mall.

Renninger's is now open every Sunday, year-round. To spend your next Sunday morning at Amish Country's antique headquarters, in the village of Adamstown, just point your GPS to 2500 North Reading Road, Denver, PA.

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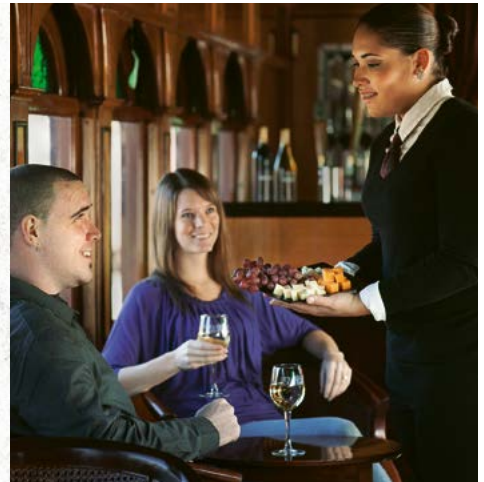
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Throw Out the Pot, and Keep the Pie! By Clinton Martin



The traditional Pennsylvania Dutch Chicken Pot Pie is a mix of broth, noodles, potatoes, and chicken. But those looking for an actual chicken-in-a-pie-crust pie can get that too, and what a delicious pie I have to recommend to you!

It all begins with a visit to Zook's Homemade Chicken Pies, an Amish family-owned and operated business right on the farm. The cooking has now moved into the second generation Amish family, providing the same scrumptious heritage the name Zook's was built on, but adding new innovations as well.

Don't take my word for it, take a bite of these old-fashioned pies yourself, and see if you just don't fall in love with this delightful marriage of chicken, carrots, peas, celery, onions, and potatoes, all baked into a satisfying and convenient meal. Try one of the beef or sausage pies, and you won't be shy in asking for a copy of the Zook's time-tested blend of seasonings that, sadly, for now will just have to remain a secret!

Other food items are also available at the store, including their tasty apple dumplings. Note that the food is frozen (this is not a place to eat) so take them home or back to your room to microwave. You can also purchase pies at many farmers markets and food stores. I see them every time I go shopping at the local grocery store here. Call 717.768.0239 for more information on other outlets where Zook's Pies are sold.

But if you are here, buy direct where the pies are made at 3194 Harvest Drive, south of Route 340 off Leacock Road. The meat pies are available in different sizes from single-serving to family-meal. And what could be nicer than a country breeze blowing through



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By Clinton Martin



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The retail "floor" for much of this unique store is simply good, old-fashioned Mother Earth. Here the front lawn is home to Amish wrought iron decorations, concrete lawn ornaments and features, plenty of planters and other vessels necessary for anyone with a green thumb, and of course outdoor furniture and patio needs.

I especially am fond of the ponds, and the unusual barrel fountain. Where there is water, there will be birds, so birdbaths and even birdhouses are available. You'll find outdoor furniture, pots, seasonal plants decorative flags, and other items in keeping with the season. But like I said, this is really just the beginning to exploring all that the two stores at Jake's offer visitors indoors. From curtains, quilts, and bedding to candles and designer collections, your decorative imagination will surely soar as you stroll the aisles of this expansive shopping destination. As visitors often exclaim, "Wow! I didn't realize that there was so much in here!"

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The Amish in Their Own Words

Vol. 2 – Part 11 • • •

by Brad Igou

Several years ago, I started working on a second volume of THE AMISH IN THEIR OWN WORDS, my book compiled from Amish writings in “Family Life” magazine. Since then, for many reasons, my project of producing “Volume 2” remains in limbo. Nevertheless, because I had begun to read and compile articles, I have decided to share some of them with you again this year as a continuation of my 2017 Amish Series. This month’s selection is an interesting story from an Amishman who owns a small business.

“Always at Your Service”

Bill Glick sits up in bed and shuts off the noisy alarm. The clock says 5:30, so it is time to get up. Today is Monday, one of the busier days at the store. Bill goes out to do his morning chores before breakfast. He is halfway done when John Kurtz comes out to the barn.

“We’re on our way to the sawmill,” John explains. “With all this rain over the weekend, I need a new pair of boots in the worst kind of way. I just wondered if it’s too much bother for you to open the store for me.”

Bill leaves his chores and goes to open the store. He sells John a pair of boots, then returns to the barn to finish. On his way in for breakfast, he stops at the store and stokes up the fire so the room will be comfortable at 8:00, when it is time to open.

His wife has breakfast ready. While they are eating, there is a knock at the door. Bill goes to see who is there, and it is neighbor Ervin’s boy, who wants to pay for the kerosene he got.

After breakfast the family is in the living room and Bill is playing with the children until it is time to open the store. At 7:30, there



Here we see a budding Amish entrepreneur opening up for the day. Photo credit: Charles Rehm

is someone at the door again. This time it is neighbor Elmer’s boys, and they wonder if they could buy a pair of gloves. Bill gets his coat and goes out with them, unlocks the store, and puts up the OPEN sign.

The day goes by as usual. Susie Hostetter wonders if she could get a pair of shoes and charge them till next week. Bill agrees to it, trying not to remember that the same thing happened once before, and after seven months and five statements the Hostetters finally paid their bill.

Amanda Stutzman gets a pair of shoes, a buggy blanket, and some stockings, and writes out a check in payment, postdating it for two weeks. Again, Bill accepts the check, though he has not completely forgotten when he held the check for four weeks instead of two, and it still bounced.

Bill’s wife brings the mail out to the store. Oh, oh, another bad check that didn’t go through.

Jacob Mast brings in a halter that needs repair work and wonders if he could pick it up the next morning. So Bill drops his other work and goes to extra effort to get the halter done. (You guessed it; it is a full week later before Mr. Mast stops in for his halter!)

A van stops outside, and a group of women and children come flooding into the store. The women are busy shopping and so are the children --- taking boots off the shelves and putting them on other shelves, or throwing them onto the floor. Some of the children amuse themselves taking shoelaces off the hooks and changing them around.

One woman is finished and leaves the store, but doesn’t close the door tight. Bill walks over and closes the door to keep the heat from escaping. While Bill is at the door, he looks out and sees two horses are fighting at the hitching

rail. Bill thinks, “If people would just wrap the rope twice around the hitching rail before tying the knot, the rope would not be sliding along the rail over to the adjoining horse.”

The women in the van had just left when the next customer came in. This lad wants to buy a pair of work shoes. He tries on 19 of the 22 styles Bill carries in his store, and none suit him. The boy then asks for the same style as the old shoes he is wearing. He then buys those, not realizing he tried on that same pair earlier.

It’s now five o’clock and time to close the store, so the CLOSED sign is placed in the front window. Bill is just ready to sit down to eat supper when there is a knock at the door. Melvin Eicher is there, and he asks in a surprised voice, “Is your store closed already? I need a new hat for the wedding tomorrow.”

Bill takes him around to the back door to sell him the hat, and while Melvin is trying on hats, there is a knock at the front door. The man wonders if he could leave his nail apron for repairs and pick it up first thing tomorrow morning.

Bill is done eating supper when another customer comes to buy some Coleman parts. The rest of the evening is spent in peace, except for the fifteen minutes Bill needs to repair the nail apron.

The above happenings are only a sample of what you can expect if you have your own business next to your house. Nevertheless, Bill is the first to insist that he still enjoys his work in spite of the thoughtlessness of some of the customers. After all, most of the people are real nice to deal with. (Yes, I am Bill!) 🐎

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In the grandest traditions of these Magic Lanternists, Mark Sullivan, resident Showman and Artistic Director at the Plain & Fancy Theater, RT 340, east of Lancaster between Bird-in-Hand and Intercourse, brings decades of theatrical experience to his role as "Professor Phineas T. Firefly." Mark's resume includes extensive credits as a comic actor, writer and



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The Magic Lantern season runs through Labor Day with Sullivan's lively interpretation of the Patriotic Show, "This Is My Country," which traces the history of the United States from its early beginnings through the 19th century. The tale is told through the eyes of seven generations of the Sullivan family, whose images are among the over 100 that appear to highlight and transition theater goers from the landing at Plymouth Rock to the emotional

revelation of two brothers on opposite sides of the Civil War.

The Theater is fortunate to actually own two magnificent lanterns dating back to the 1800s, known as triunials, for the three separate and distinct lenses available to the Showman in performance. Both lanterns were made in England and are believed to be two of the fewer than 100 such lanterns in existence today worldwide, of which only 40 are operational. ➔

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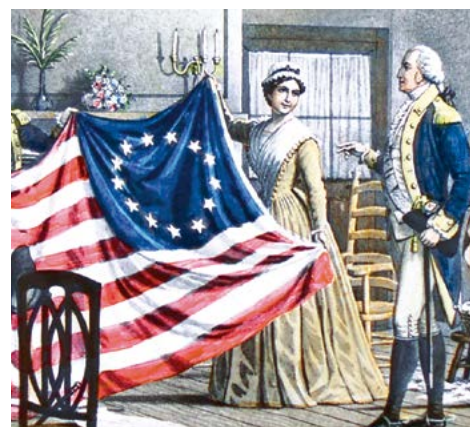
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Magic Lantern artist Joseph Boggs Beale's original slide of Betsy Ross showing flag to George Washington. [Beale Collection]

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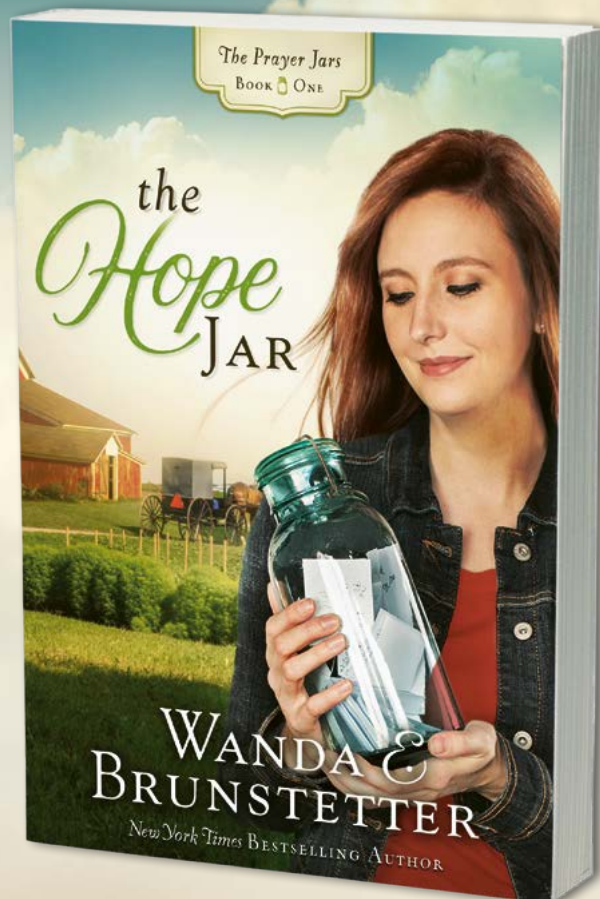
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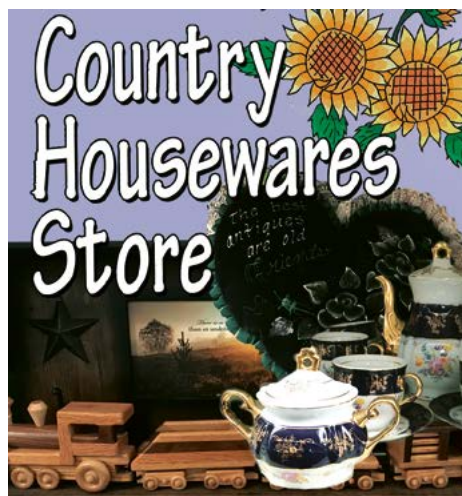
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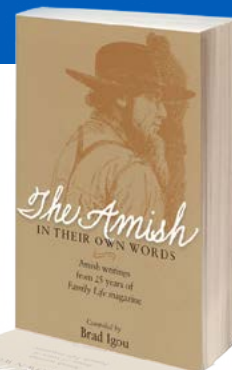
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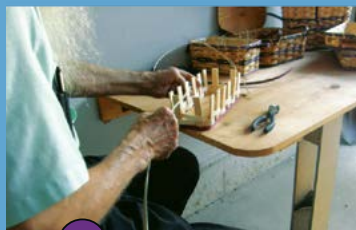
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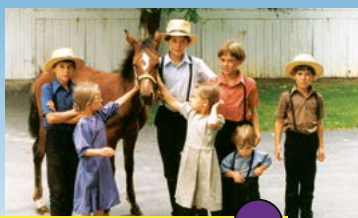
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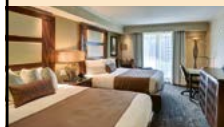
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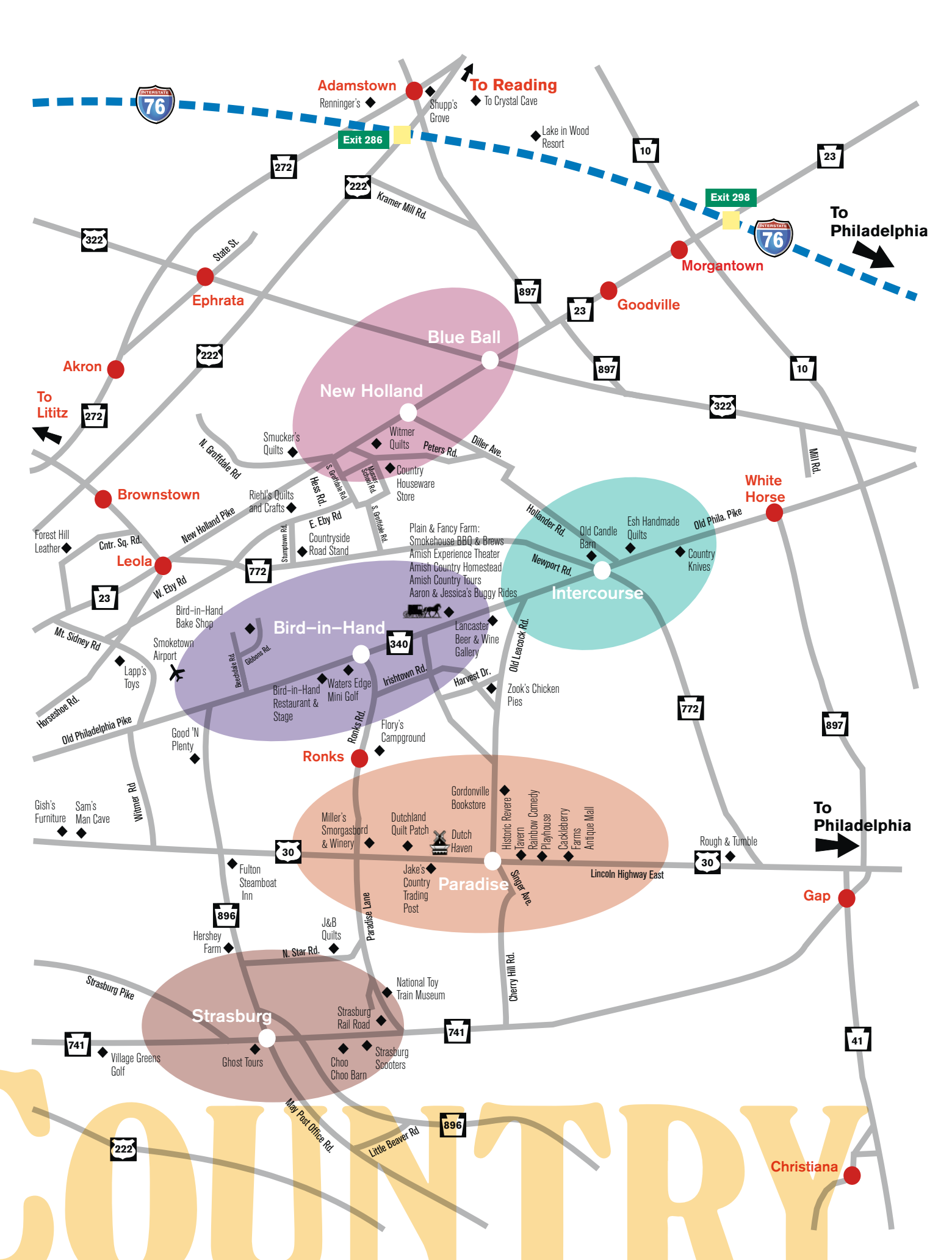
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When my parents moved to Lancaster over 60 years ago, Amish Country looked very different. Certainly, two-lane Route 30 East with Amish buggies sharing the road with our old Desoto didn't resemble the busy highway of today with its myriad hotels, restaurants, shopping centers, and outlets. But I do remember the Dutch Haven windmill was there!

Being new to the area, our family made a practice of setting out to explore. I remember riding the Strasburg Rail Road and even taking a buggy ride there. But the Amish were something I knew little about. Looking back, it now seems surprising to me that we didn't learn anything about local Amish culture in the city's public schools I attended through high school.

Memories "Made In" Amish Country

By Brad Igou

As a little boy, I looked forward to visiting this shop where the machinery ran without electricity, as is still the case with Amish furniture businesses to this day. I confess that I also possessed a somewhat morbid fascination with the fact that Jake Ebersol had lost portions of a couple fingers on the saws.

My parents had their eye on the "grandmother clocks" made there, and after several years finally purchased one. My mother kept the receipt dated 9/8/62. The clock cost \$270. (Well, it was 1962, remember!) As the years went by, the clock prices rose to over \$400. A number was always inscribed on the back of your clock. Ours was #124. I'm fairly certain they had made over 300 clocks before the shop closed.

Antique Pennsylvania Dutch furniture has become prized by collectors and can be seen on display in museums around the world. In their book DECORATIVE ARTS OF THE AMISH OF LANCASTER COUNTY, Daniel and Kathryn McCauley write that "the Amish skepticism toward art did not result in rejecting beauty, but led instead to its refinement and simplification. The result has been the evolution of a decorative material culture that is neither over-designed nor austere."

Take Amish quilts. After the 1970's, when Amish-made quilts first became "recognized," perhaps because of their similarity to modern painting and "Pop Art," there were unfortunate incidents of Amish quilts being stolen off wash lines and robbed from homes. I remember visiting a museum displaying modern art and noting that many of the paintings resembled the basic "bars" quilt design, only rendered in oil rather than cloth.

My other vivid memory of those early days here is of ice cream. We loved to drive out into the country to the Moses Stoltzfus farm. This Amish family made incredible ice cream, and it soon became so popular that tour buses often had to wait their turn just to park. While Moses may be gone, fortunately we now have several farms and dairies that provide us with milk and ice cream.

These "things" have been part of my life and, although my parents are gone, they will forever evoke unforgettable memories of growing up here.

I hope you'll make your own memories during your visit here. You may have to look a little, but trust me, they are out there waiting for you! 



At that time, there were very few Amish businesses to visit. As tourism increased, a handful of Amish stops quickly became "musts" for visitors and tour groups. I remember visiting the Ebersol Chair Shop just north of Intercourse many times. The handcrafted chairs, and especially the children's furniture pieces, became well-known and recognized for their colorful hand painted decorations.

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